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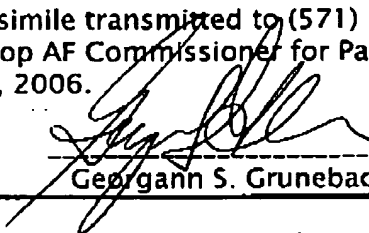
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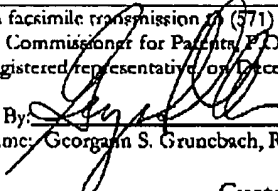
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2006, which was made final, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application.